

Object Management Group

www.omg.org

The Object Management Group (OMG) is an open membership, not-for-profit consortium that produces and maintains computer industry specifications for interoperable enterprise applications. Membership includes virtually every large company in the computer industry, and hundreds of smaller ones. Most of the companies that shape enterprise and Internet computing today are represented on the OMG board of directors. The OMG flagship specification is the multi-platform Model Driven Architecture (MDA), recently under way but already well known in the industry. The Object Management Architecture defines standard services that will carry over into MDA work. The OMG task force standardizes domain facilities in industries such as health care, manufacturing, telecommunications, and more.

Global Information Grid Enterprise Services

<http://ges.dod.mil>

The Global Information Grid Enterprise Services (GIG ES) is a suite of value-added information, Web, and computing capabilities that will improve user access to mission-critical data. GIG ES will provide access – anytime, anywhere – to reliable, decision-quality information through the use of cutting-edge, Web-based, networked services. GIG ES improves access to reliable decision-quality information for Department of Defense components at all echelons. End users can pull mission-tailored information intelligently from anywhere within the network environment with minimal latency. This will enable leveraging of best-of-breed concepts (many of them Web-based) and will maximize the net-centric performance of the GIG ES.

Defense Information Systems Agency

www.disa.mil

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) is a combat support agency that is responsible for planning, engineering, acquiring, fielding, and supporting global net-centric solutions and operating the Defense Information System Network to serve the needs of the president, vice president, the secretary of defense, and the other Department of

Defense components, under all conditions of peace and war. DISA's core mission areas include communications, combat support computing, information assurance, joint command and control, and joint interoperability support.

DACS and DSC Web Site

www.dacs.dtic.mil

The Defense Acquisition Contract Service (DACS) and Defense Software Collaborators (DSC) Web site aids in discovering Department of Defense (DoD)-sponsored software resources for program managers and software developers. The DACS has been designated as the DoD Software Information Clearinghouse serving as an authoritative source for state-of-the-art software information offering technical services designed to support the development, testing, validation, and transitioning of software engineering technology. The DACS has created the DACS Gold Practice Web site at <www.GoldPractices.com> to provide information about many prevalent software acquisition and development best practices that may have a positive impact on program risks and return on investment.

Federation of American Scientists

www.fas.org

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American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

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